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RESPONSE


Honorable Sir:

In response to the requirement to elect an invention for examination as set forth in the Office action dated March 9, 2006, invention I, Claims 1-9 and 17-19, are elected to be examined.

The Office Action states that Claims 1-9 and 17-19 are drawn to an system and method of controlling a clutch, and that Claims 10-16 are drawn to a method of digitally controlling a clutch.

Submitted concurrently with this response is a Preliminary Amendment containing Claims 20-32, drawn to a method of controlling a clutch consistent with invention I, the elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.